## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all previous listings of the claims:

- 1. (Currently amended) A method for selling an internet insurance product online to a user comprising the steps of:
- a. offering an online application to [[said]] the user, [[said]] the online application having a menu of available internet insurance coverages including at least one of a first insurance coverage for advertising or marketing business conducted on the internet, a second insurance coverage for professional services rendered via the internet, a third insurance coverage for protection against a third party liability for business conducted on the internet, or any combination thereof,
- b. upon said user completing said online application, offering an online self-assessment rating engine to said user,
- eb. upon said user completing an online self-assessment, offering an online quote request form to [[said]] the user in response to the user selecting a particular set of internet insurance coverages from the menu of available internet insurance coverages,
- dc. upon [[said]] the user completing [[said]] the online quote request form for [[a]] the particular set of internet insurance coverages, performing a risk analysis on [[said]] the user,
- ed. upon the user satisfactorily completing [[said]] the risk analysis, offering an online quote for [[said]] the particular set of internet insurance coverages to [[said]] the user,
- fe. upon [[said]] the user accepting [[said]] the online quote, selling [[said]] the particular set of internet insurance coverages to [[said]] the user.
- 2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein [[said]] the risk analysis is performed off-line.
- 3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein [[said]] the risk analysis is performed online.

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- 4. (Canceled)
- 5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein [[said]] the risk analysis includes an onsite security assessment of [[said]] the user.
- 6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 5 wherein [[said]] <u>the</u> onsite security assessment determines whether or not the user is approved for [[said]] <u>the</u> online quote.
- 7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein [[said]] the user has access to specimen policies.
- 8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein [[said]] the user has access to status information regarding [[his]] the user's quote request.
- 9. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein [[said]] the user has access to a call center.
- 10. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the menu of available insurance coverages includes a fourth insurance coverage for network security when conducting business on the internet.
- 11. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising issuing to the user an umbrella insurance policy comprising the particular set of internet insurance coverages sold to the user.

- 12. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
- f. upon the user completing the online application and before an online quote is offered to the user, offering an online self-assessment rating engine to the user, wherein the online quote request form is offered to the user upon the user completing an online self-assessment.
- 13. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein selling an internet insurance product online comprises issuing a new insurance policy.
- 14. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the user is not required to provide authentication prior to receiving an online price quote.
- 15. (New) A method for selling an internet insurance product online to a user wherein the internet insurance product comprises a new insurance policy to be sold to the user, the method comprising:
- a. offering an online application for the insurance policy to the user, the online application having a menu of available internet insurance coverages,
- b. offering an online quote request form to the user in response to the user selecting a particular set of internet insurance coverages from the menu of available internet insurance coverages,
- c. upon the user completing the online quote request form for the particular set of internet insurance coverages, performing a risk analysis on the user,
- d. upon the user satisfactorily completing the risk analysis, offering an online quote for the particular set of internet coverages to the user,
- e. upon the user accepting the online quote, selling the particular set of internet insurance coverages to the user.
- 16. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein performing the risk analysis further comprises determining whether to offer the insurance product to the user.

- 17. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein the user is a new customer.
- 18. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein the available internet insurance coverages comprise at least one of a first insurance coverage for advertising or marketing business conducted on the internet, a second insurance coverage for professional services rendered via the internet, a third insurance coverage for protection against a third party liability for business conducted on the internet, a fourth insurance coverage for network security when conducting business on the internet, or any combination thereof.
- 19. (New) A method for selling an internet insurance product online to a user without requiring the user to provide authentication prior to receiving an online price quote, the method comprising the steps of:
- a. offering an online application to the user, the online application having a menu of available insurance coverages for reducing one or more potential liabilities associated with conducting business online;
- b. offering an online price quote request form to the user in response to the user selecting a particular set of internet insurance coverages from the menu of available internet insurance coverages;
- c. upon the user completing the online quote request form for the particular set of internet insurance coverages, performing a risk analysis on the user;
- d. upon the user satisfactorily completing the risk analysis, offering an online quote for the particular set of internet insurance coverages to the user; and
- e. upon the user accepting the online price quote, selling the particular set of internet insurance coverages to the user.
- 20. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the risk analysis is performed online.
- 21. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the user is a new customer.